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SUBJ: PROPOSED STOP-OVER FOR C-130 AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 233742

1. WE BELIVE PROPOSED STOP-OVERS OF C-130 AIRCRAFT
COULD PRESENT DIFFICULT POLITICAL PORBLEMS FOR GSL
WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO REFUSAL REQUEST FOR DIPLORAHIC
CLEARANCE. GIVEN FACT WE HAVE NOT STAGED C-130
AIRCRAFT THROUGH COLOMBO BEFORE, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT
PROPOSED AIRCRAFT STOPOVERS WOULD BE HIGHLY VISIBLE,
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED AND
RELATIVELY SHORT TIME-FRAME WITHIN WHICH THEY WOULD
BE LANDING HERE. ALTHOUGH GSL MIGHT LIKE TO HAVE
EARNINGS FROM REFUELING THESE AIRCRAFT, ATMOSPHERE
HERE HAS NOT CHANGED ENOUGH TO PERMIT MONETARY
ADVANTAGES OUTWEIGH POLITICAL SENSITIVITY AT PROSPECT
SUDDEN INFLUX OF U.S.AIR FORCE PLANES.

2. EMBASSY IS UNFAMILIAR WITH TYPE OF FUEL C-130'S
USE, BUT IF AVGAS IS REQUIRED, SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES
WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AVAILABLE HERE.
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